

worked as a secretary for Fort Worth ISD and married her friend in Christ, Mr. Douglas E. Brown. In 1993, she became the First Lady of Great Commission Baptist Church where she became known as the life and heartbeat of Pastor Brown.

Sister Brown was very active in her Church; she began the Sisters In Effect Ministry for youth ages 13 through 18 and performed premarital counseling. She touched many lives and warmed the hearts of the worshippers.

Mr. Speaker and colleagues, please join me in honor and remembrance of Glynis Brown, whose warm and kind heart touched many lives. I offer my condolences and deepest sympathy to her husband, my pastor the Reverend Dr. Douglas E. Brown; to her daughters, Phairen Yaites and Kaitlyn Brown; to her extended family members; and to her Great Commission Baptist Church family and many friends. May her soul rest in peace.

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PROVIDING FOR CONSIDERATION  
OF H.R. 933, DEPARTMENT OF  
DEFENSE, MILITARY CONSTRUCTION  
AND VETERANS AFFAIRS,  
AND FULL-YEAR CONTINUING  
APPROPRIATIONS ACT, 2013

SPEECH OF

**HON. DEREK KILMER**

OF WASHINGTON

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Wednesday, March 6, 2013*

Mr. KILMER. Mr. Speaker, I rise today in opposition to H.R. 933, the Department of Defense, Military Construction and Veterans Affairs, and Full-Year Continuing Appropriations Act.

Talking to folks in our region, I know they will be hurt by the reckless across-the-board cuts included in this budget plan. From day one, I've said sequestration is a bad idea for

our country. The bill we voted on today doesn't stop the furloughs that will hurt our communities, doesn't give non-defense agencies the flexibility to deal with the across-the-board cuts in a more strategic way, and doesn't limit the impact of deep cuts to programs like Impact Aid that ensures the schools that our military kids attend have the resources they need. I didn't come here to vote on partisan gimmicks. I'm here to solve problems. The bill we voted on today doesn't do that. It continues in the wrong direction for our military and for our other priorities.

Congress has 21 days until the current funding for the government expires. That's 21 days that Congress should be working non-stop until there is a bipartisan, long-term budget plan that addresses our financial sustainability and avoids making these mindless across-the-board cuts. For our national security, our businesses, and our middle class families, we need a responsible, long-term balanced budget plan to replace the across-the-board cuts and get our economy back on track.

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CELEBRATING THE LIFE OF HAR-  
LEM'S MATRIARCH MS. FANNIE  
E. PENNINGTON

**HON. CHARLES B. RANGEL**

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Monday, March 11, 2013*

Mr. RANGEL. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to celebrate the Life of Harlem's Matriarch Ms. Fannie E. Pennington, who passed away on Wednesday, February 13 at the age of 99 years old.

On Friday, February 22, the Village Harlem joined together at Abyssinian Baptist Church to celebrate the amazing and historic life of Fannie E. Pennington who was a faithful and

dedicated servant to the Lord and to our Nation. Great women like our wonderful Fannie Pennington are precious gifts we temporarily have in this world, but their assistance, contributions and accomplishments are far remembered and everlasting.

Our beloved Fannie lived a full and spiritual life—a life well spent and dedicated to the uplifting of African Americans and women. Daughter of Matthew Mark and Hattie Harris, and a descendant of the Balanta Fula Tribes of Guinea, Fannie and her late sister Amelia were baptized and christened into the family of the historic Abyssinian Baptist Church by the Reverend Adam Clayton Powell, Sr.

At Abyssinian, Fannie Pennington became one of the most devoted members, serving on the Progressive Ladies Usher Board, the Welcome and Hospitality Committee, which was once known as the Adam Clayton Powell Overseas Club. Ms. Fannie Pennington greeted and hosted historic world figures and American Icons such as Haile Selassie, Mary McCloud Bethune, Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. and Malcolm X.

Many of our friends will remember Fannie as a vivacious and beautiful personality, who tended bar in several of Harlem's elite dining institutions and establishments. She was also an official representative of the Barmaid Charity Organization, which raised money to send inner city kids to summer camp. I will remember Fannie for her loyalty and support to Adam Clayton Powell, Jr., her years of service to the New York City Board of Elections and the Frederick E. Samuel Community Democratic Club, where she was dedicated to registering young people to vote.

Mr. Speaker, as we celebrate the 150th Anniversary of the Emancipation Proclamation, the 50th Anniversary of the March on Washington and the 100th Birthday of Rosa Parks, let us also celebrate the 99 years of our beloved Fannie E. Pennington.